(excluding refining), have been permitted to raised ECB at a minimum average maturity of five years.

(v) In respect of infrastructure and greenfield projects, the access to ECB has been limited to 35% of the total project cost as appraised by a recognised Financial Institution/Bank, however, greater flexibility shall be allowed to power projects.

भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम द्वारा किया गया पूंजी निवेश

1599. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम ने मध्य प्रदेश में अपनी नई परियोजनाओं में वर्ष-वार कितना पूंजी निवेश किया है; और

(ख) क्या भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम ने मध्य प्रदेश में अपने एककों के विकास हेतु कुछ नई परियोजनाओं का पता लगाया है?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री श्रीकांत जैना): (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में, भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम ने कोई नई परियोजना नहीं बनाई है।

(ख) जी, नहीं। तथापि अस्थाई वार्षिक योजना 1996-97 में इसके होटल खुजराहो अशोक के नवीनीकरण/उन्नयन के लिए 30 लाख रुपए का एक योजना प्रस्ताव शामिल है।

WHO's warning against infectious diseases

1600. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether WHO has warned of a global crisis in infectious diseases which are becoming increasingly difficult to control;

(b) whether the spread of infectious diseases in India is increasing;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to chalk out starategy to control infectious diseases in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) WHO have expressed concern that new emerging and re-emerging diseases pose serious health problems in almost all the countries of the South-East Asia Region.

(b) The gradual change in ecological conditions resulting from developmental activities, coupled with emergence of drug resistant strains of parasites have led to the resurgence of infectious diseases like malaria, kala-azar and Japanese encephalities.

(c) and (d) A National Apical Advisory Committee (NAAC) has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Union Health Secretary to formulate a nation-wise disease survaillance network. The action points envisaged under the disease surveillance scheme are collection and flow of information, strengthening of laboratory diagnostic survices, networking of centres and continuous monitoring of disease prevalance.

There are National Health Programmes for control/eradication of major infectious/communicable diseases; like National Malaria Eradication Programme; National AIDS Control Programme; National Leprosy Eradication Programme; National T.B. Control Programme.

Annual grant and short term loans to Gujarat

1601. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of annual grants and short term loans, separately sanctioned to Gujarat during 1992-93 and also during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the amount of annual grants and short term loans sanctioned to Gujarat has been decreasing during the above period;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government of Gujarat has urged the Central Government to increase the financial allocation to the State; and

(e) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The Central assistance to States for their annual Plan is released in the form of block loans and block grants. In case of Gujarat, which is a non special category State, it is 70% loan and 30% grant. The annual grants released to the Government of Gujarat from 1992-93 to 1995-96 are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
A. *Plan Grants*				
1. Normal Central assistance	62.42	69.00	73.65	94.64
2. Addl. Central assistance for EAPs	98.90	44.24	42.32	31.84
3. Transferred Centrally Sponsored Scheme	—	0.81	—	—
4. Assistance for Border Area Development Programme	—	6.98	7.93	8.58
5. Assistance for Sardar Sarovar Project	—	18.76	—	—
B. *Non-Plan Grants*				
1. Grants in lieu of Rly. Passenger Fare Tax.	8.58	8.58	8.58	26.22
2. Centre's share towards Calamity Relief Fund.	63.75	63.75	63.75	98.82

Government of Gujarat had not requested for any short term loans during above mentioned period. The Small savings loan and block loans with repayment period of 25 years and 20 years respectively are not short term loans. As regards decreasing amounts under additional Central assistance for EAPs, it is stated that the amounts under this head are reimbursed on the basis of actual claims submitted by the Government of Gujarat.

(d) and (e) The Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government to compensate it for loss of revenues due to prohibition which was stated to be of the order of Rs. 640 crores annually. Since the Tenth Finance Commission has not recommended any grant specifically for this purpose to any State Government, it has not been found possible to accede to the request of the State Government.